



Supporting Student Resiliency in Trauma-Sensitive Schools



Speaker Bios

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Morning: Emcee/Presenters

Carol Anderson, MEd - <http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/>

Anderson is an Educational Specialist for the Utah State Office of Education over behavioral supports and mental health needs. She has been involved in state policy development, research, model programs demonstration, and oversight of a federal grant on the integration of school-based mental health services. She has worked in special education for 24 years including as a speech language therapist, CD/LD cluster unit teacher, special education teacher, and district coordinator. Her specialty areas are least restrictive behavioral interventions, functional assessment, mental health issues, and proactive discipline systems.

David Corwin, MD - <http://www.avahealth.org/>

Corwin is a professor in the Pediatrics Department at the University of Utah where he directs Forensic Services. He is the current President of the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA). Dr. Corwin is Board certified in Psychiatry, Child Psychiatry, and Forensic Psychiatry. He is an international lecturer, consultant, and evaluator on child abuse and violence and abuse across the lifespan. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). He is the Executive Producer of AVA's Adverse Childhood Experiences Study DVD (2012) and the principal editor of the AVA/NHCVA White Paper, *ACEs: Informing Best Practice*.

Jennifer Oxborrow, MSW - <http://dcfs.utah.gov/>

Oxborrow is a Domestic Violence Program Administrator for the Utah Department of Human Services in the Division of Child and Family Services where she administers statewide programs aimed at serving those impacted by domestic violence. As a therapist, she has worked closely with youth and adult clients with a history of sexual/physical abuse, homelessness, substance use disorders, and serious mental illness.

Lillian Tsosie-Jensen, CRT, MA.Ed - <http://www.schools.utah.gov/cte/ccgp/>

Tsosie-Jensen is the Utah State Office of Education's Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program Specialist. She has taught art and math at a secondary level; guidance curriculum at a Department of Corrections school; and counselor education at the University of Phoenix. She has written several curricula for counselors. Tsosie-Jensen has served on the Boards of the Coalition of the Minority Advisory Committee for USOE, Indian Walk-In Center, Utah Mental Health Counseling Association, Utah School Counseling Association, and UEA Children At-Risk Foundation.

Susan Wiet, MD - <http://www.odysseyhouse.org/>

Wiet is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Utah and is boarded in psychiatry (general and child/adolescent) and addiction medicine. Her clinical expertise is assessing and treating victims of multiple traumas with co-morbid addiction or chronic illnesses. Dr. Wiet is the Director of Psychiatric Services, Consultant for primary care integration, and the Chief of Adolescent Addiction Resident Training at Odyssey House of Utah. She will soon be the medical director for Utah's first ACT team at Volunteers of America of Utah. She has served as Medical Director for several programs at the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute and Valley Mental Health.

Afternoon: Education Panelists

Wendy Bleecker, PhD - <http://www.spokaneschools.org>

Bleecker is a career educator who is currently the director of student services for the Spokane School District. She has been a teacher, site administrator, and district administrator. Her particular expertise is working with schools to develop trauma-sensitive school practices.



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Erin Butts, MSW - http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/HealthTopics/index.html?gpm=1_10

Butts is the Statewide School Mental Health Coordinator for the Montana Office of Public Instruction. She has been involved with statewide school mental health initiatives since 2010 through efforts of policy, training, and research development and implementation. Prior to that, she provided training and technical assistance in areas of childhood traumatic stress, suicide prevention, work stress and trauma-informed interventions in schools and communities.

Jennifer Caldwell, LCSW, PPSC - <http://acestoohigh.com/2014/01/28/hearts-el-dorado-elementary/>

Caldwell is the clinical social worker on staff at El Dorado Elementary School in San Francisco Unified School District. She was the lead on developing the school's Wellness Center, which provides trauma-sensitive individual and school-based interventions to students and supports to school faculty.

Bonnie Ducharme, MA - <http://www.spokaneschools.org>

Ducharme is a career educator who is currently the coordinator of student services for the Spokane School District in Washington. She has been a teacher and site and district administrator. Her particular expertise is working with schools to support students with disabilities and help schools address discipline, attendance, and safety issues.

Robyn Ganeles, MFT - <http://www.senecafoa.org/>

Ganeles is a clinical intervention specialist working directly with high-risk students who present learning, behavior, or discipline issues related to trauma. While she is located at one school site, she is part of the Seneca team network that provides a continuum of care from early interventions and community-based services to high-level special education and mental health care throughout 12 counties in California.

Helen Parker, MS - <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/programs-and-services/restorative-practices.html>

Parker is a Restorative Practices Coach in the San Francisco Unified School District supporting the most trauma-impacted elementary schools in bringing an integrated approach to positive school climate building and behavior management. For the 12 years prior, Parker was the Master Teacher at The Principals' Center Collaborative with the Youth Treatment and Education Court, a small alternative high school serving youth in the probation system.

Afternoon: Utah-based Resources

Tammer Attalah, LCSW, MBA - <http://intermountainhealthcare.org/services/behavioral/Pages/home.aspx>

Attalah is the Administrative Director of Behavioral Health for Intermountain Healthcare where he oversees operations and research across the behavioral health continuum. Past positions include overseeing the collaboration of agencies to deliver multiple evidence-based behavioral health programs in Utah.

Catherine Johnson, LCSW - <http://www.wasatch.org/>

Johnson serves as the Youth & Family Services Division Director at Wasatch Mental Health. She was previously the Manager of School-Based Programs there. She was a contributor to the School Behavioral Health Services Implementation Manual that describes the development of an integrated and collaborative infrastructure within participating schools that offers students access to a continuum of mental health services.

Jennifer A. Johnson, MBA - <http://schoolboard.utah.gov/>

Johnson is the second vice chair of the Utah State Board of Education. In 2008, she founded her own investment management company and private investment fund. She has served on committees and boards of The Road Home, Utah's largest homeless shelter, and the professional CFA Society of Salt Lake. In 2013, she led a task force leading to legislated governance reforms for the multibillion dollar School Lands Trust Fund benefiting Utah's schools.

Brian Miller, PhD - <http://www.tccslc.org/home>

Miller is the Director of the Safety Net Program for Families with Young Children at The Children's Center in Salt Lake City. Miller has worked in a variety of mental health policy and treatment settings, including as Salt Lake County Mental Health Director, Clinical Director of Davis Behavioral Health, Associate Director of the State Division of Mental Health, and private practitioner. He is board president for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, UT Chapter.